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## PAUL'S NOTE

It's a short week for many of us, so I will keep this week's note short.

I want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and I hope that you get to reflect on this year's blessings with your families.

Keep in mind that city offices (including the Ward 2 council office) will be closed on Thursday, and that residential trash pick-up normally scheduled for Thursday and Friday will be delayed for one day.

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One of our Ward 2 neighbors was recognized last week by Ben's Bells. Sheila Bowden was recognized for her work improving the ponds at Fort Lowell Park



and making it a better environment for the turtles and ducks there. She organized work days to plant trees and shrubs, repair fencing and do necessary cleaning in the area.

Sheila was nominated by Sandy Chan, another volunteer at Fort Lowell.

Thank you Sheila and Sandy for your work keeping Fort Lowell Park one of Tucson's gems.

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## PAUL'S NOTE (CONTINUED)

The following was sent to my office from Mark Spear, Major, USAF, Retired.

*My favorite Thanksgiving story. -- Back in the early 80's I was away from home on a holiday, flying a C-141 mission to Zaire in Africa on Thanksgiving. We arrived mid-day Thanksgiving, and the embassy staff had prepared Thanksgiving dinner for us. We secured the aircraft and went to the embassy for dinner. Unexpectedly, when we arrived there, I saw an old friend from my time at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson who was the Air Attache in Zaire. So, halfway around the world, away from home, I had a great Thanksgiving dinner with an old friend. About as good as it gets if you can't be at home for Thanksgiving.*

*Remember those who cannot be with their families for the holiday. For me, I thank everyone who provides me a needed service on a holiday. -- Been there, done that, many times while I was in the military.*

*Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.*

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## #OPTOUTSIDE

Visit any Arizona REI location this week and pick-up a FREE DAY USE Pass (while supplies last) to any of 30 beautiful Arizona State Park locations around the state. (Not valid for Kartchner Caverns Cave Tours) Skip the leftovers, lace up your boots and head out for fresh air and say "I #OptOutside" to the chaos of the mall. Visit us on Facebook at: OptOutside at Arizona State Parks and submit a great photo of you enjoying an Arizona State Park from 11/26 - 11/29 for a chance to Win a FREE Annual DAY USE Parks Pass. Top 10 photos with the most "likes" will receive a FREE Pass.

Must be 18+ to win, one (1) pass per household, no cash value, Pass is non-transferrable. Pass allows registered bearer + 3 additional guests, DAY USE access (no camping) to Arizona State Parks locations for one (1) year from date of issue. Winners will be notified on 11/30 via Facebook.

For more information, visit [ArizonaStateParks.com](http://ArizonaStateParks.com).

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## **SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE**

Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for spring 2016 has arrived and copies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation Department facilities, including district offices, centers and pools. Copies can also be viewed on-line at: [www.tucsonaz.gov/parks](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parks).

The Activity Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration and the Discount Program. Registration is now open for both city and non-city residents. All leisure class listings are available for registration online at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com). Please see the Activity Guide for registration information and deadlines.

Whether you enjoy being active in slow-pitch softball leagues, want to design amazing jewelry, learn digital photography skills, or create beautiful pottery and ceramics pieces, there truly is something for everyone at Tucson Parks and Recreation. For questions or more information on registration or programs, contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

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## **VOLUNTEER WITH VITA**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free tax preparation to low- and moderate-income Arizonans and helps them to leverage their tax refunds to achieve greater financial stability.

Make a difference and help people in your community by becoming a tax volunteer.

Top 5 Reason to Becoming a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance VITA Volunteer

- No Experience Needed
- FREE Tax Law training & materials
- Flexible Volunteer Hours
- Make an impact in your neighborhood
- Continuing Education Credits for tax professionals

JOIN the VITA volunteer team today! For more information please visit the our website <http://www.unitedwaytucson.org/> or contact Ellen Pott at [epott@unitedwaytucson.org](mailto:epott@unitedwaytucson.org)

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## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Video Games:** The Carol West Senior Addition will have Wii Video Game Demos on Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The games include golf, bowling, tennis, race car driving, dance and more. Refreshments will be served. No cost.

**Holiday Party:** The Carol West Senior Addition will host a holiday party on Wednesday, December 15, 2015 at the Sheraton Hotel from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets costs \$25.00 per person. Tickets for sale until December 9, 2015.

**Downsizing your home:** An informative presentation on down sizing your home will be given in the Multipurpose Room of the senior addition on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. The presentation is free.

For questions, please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121.



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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog:** Watch for the Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available Monday, November 9, 2015. It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

**TreeCycling:** Residents can recycle their Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program. The program begins on Saturday, December 26, 2015 and continues through Tuesday, January 12, 2016. TreeCycle sites are located throughout Tucson and Oro Valley. Details and a complete list of TreeCycling locations can be found at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/treecycle>

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Paul on Facebook!

Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office  
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council members will be sworn in on December 7. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 8**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session.

There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

